

A S P L E N I U M.

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A S P L E N I U M scolopendrium.

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T A B. XI.

H A R T S T O N G U E.

THE root is black, hard, covered with scales, and emitting numerous strong black fibres.

Leaves from five to twelve inches long, lance-shaped above, the two sides rounded at the bottom, so as to give a cordated appearance to the lower extremity of the leaf, and receiving the rib in the hollow dent; the rib is brown or blackish, hard, glossy, having brown chaffy scales, and is destitute of leaf about one-third of its length; the leaf is hard, tough, and firm to the touch, with numerous parallel veins running obliquely from the central nerve to the margin, of a dark shining green above, paler underneath, and often more or less undulated at the edge.

Seed

